

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No.

meeting date: 4th SEPTEMBER 2018
title: RIBBLE VALLEY IN BLOOM AND CHRISTMAS LIGHTS GRANTS
submitted by: DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To present the recommendations of the working group in relation to the allocation of grants under Ribble Valley in Bloom and to request delegation of the allocation of grants under Christmas Lights.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities

- Community Objectives – To be well-managed Council providing efficient and responsive services based on identified customer need.
- Other Considerations – None

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 The purpose of the RV in Bloom and Christmas Lights Grants is to provide voluntary organisations and Parish Councils with support for projects which enhance their parishes with flowers and lights.

3 ISSUES

3.1 The number of grants awarded is relatively small and relatively low in monetary value. They are however, very well received by the organisations in receipt of them.

3.2 The grants working group met in June to consider the applications made for Ribble Valley in Bloom grants. Five applications had been received from parish councils.

3.3 Applications for Christmas lights grants will be held in abeyance until late October at which point the working group will meet to consider those received. Delegation is requested for the working group to make allocations for these grants.

4 RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications

- Resources – the following sums are available for distribution:
Ribble Valley in Bloom and Christmas Lights - £2,060 plus balance carried forward of £192
- Technical, Environmental and Legal – A grant condition is that awards must be to organisations which primarily benefit residents of the parishes.
- Political - none

- Reputation – the grant programme is well received in the communities of the Ribble Valley and gives the Council an opportunity to support the parish councils.

5 **RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE**

- 5.1 Endorse the allocations by the working group outlined in appendix 1 in relation to Ribble Valley in Bloom grants and approve delegation of the same in future, and
- 5.2 Delegate to the Director of Community Services in consultation with the grants working group the allocation of Christmas Lights grants in due course.



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BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

For further information please ask for Mark Beveridge, extension 4479.

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NAME	PROJECT	COSTS	RECOMMENDED GRANT
Clitheroe Town Council	9 x 3 tier planters located at various sites in the town centre	£1,260	£250
Bolton-by-Bowland, Gisburn Forest and Sawley Parish Council	Flower bed to commemorate RAF 100 planted in blue, white and gold outside Tosside village hall facing War memorial	£256	£182
Wilpshire Parish Council	Bedding plants for Wilpshire triangle summer display	£100	£50
Longridge Town Council	Provision of half barrel planters and flowers around the town	£1,428	£250
Slaidburn & Easington Parish Council	Flowers for tubs around the village and bulbs around Gisburn Forrest crossroads	£270	£100
		TOTAL	£832